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1. A STATEMENT ON THE AEGEAN DISPUTE RELEASED BY THE  
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AFTER ITS MEETING AUGUST 12 DECLARED  
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THAT "THE POLICY ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AT THE

RECOMMENDATION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPLEMENTED. IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS NO NECESSITY TO ALTER THIS POLICY."

2. AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING, PRIMIN DEMIREL DISCUSSED THE AEGEAN AT LENGTH WITH REPORTERS, PRIMARILY IN REJOINDER TO OPPOSITION LEADER ECEVIT'S STATEMENT OF THE PREVIOUS DAY (REFTEL). DEMIREL SAID THAT THE SISMİK WOULD RETURN TO PORT THIS WEEKEND (HE DID NOT SPECIFY A DATE), REFUEL, AND THEN RESUME EXPLORATIONS IN THE AEGEAN. RESPONDING DIRECTLY TO ECEVIT, DEMIREL ASKED, "IS IT POSSIBLE TO ATTRIBUTE TO THE GOVERNMENT EVERY MAP PUBLISHED BY NEWSPAPERS?" DEMIREL NOTED THAT THE SISMİK WAS NOT DUPLICATING THE 1974 ACTIVITIES OF THE CANDARLI. HE SAID, "THE CANDARLI DID NOTHING. WHAT NEED WOULD WE HAVE FELT FOR TODAY'S PROSPECTING IF THE CANDARLI HAD ALREADY DONE THIS DUTY?" ALSO IN REBUTTAL, HE NOTED, "WHY IS GREECE GOING TO THE UN AND THE INTERNATIONAL COURT IF WE (THE GOT) ARE NOT DEFENDING TURKEY'S RIGHTS." DEMIREL REMINDED REPORTERS, "AS YOU SEE, THE GREEKS ARE SENDING AIRCRAFT AGAINST THE HORA, NOT FLOWERS." DEMIREL SAID THAT IT WAS "UNJUST AND UNFAIR TO ATTEMPT TO CAST A SHADOW" ON GOT AEGEAN POLICY "AT A TIME WHEN WE MOST NEED NATIONAL UNITY."

3. ONE OF DEMIREL'S COALITION PARTNERS, THE NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP), ANNOUNCED AUGUST 12 THAT IT BELIEVES THAT THE STATUS OF GREECE'S AEGEAN ISLANDS SHOULD BE "REVIEWED" AS A RESULT OF GREEK MILITARIZATION OF THE ISLANDS IN VIOLATION OF THE LAUSANNE AND PARIS TREATIES.

4. THE AUGUST 13 TURKISH PRESS, ALTHOUGH DOMINATED BY NEWS OF THE TERRORIST INCIDENT AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT (SEPTTEL), FEATURED CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE OF THE AEGEAN DISPUTE. AMONG ITEMS OF INTEREST WERE:

A. A HURRIYET REPORT, DATELINED ATHENS, THAT THE USG AND USSR HAVE INFORMED THE GOG OF THEIR OPPOSITION TO AN INCREASE IN AEGEAN TERRITORIAL SEAS TO 12 MILES.

B. A HURRIYET PHOTOGRAPH, REPORTEDLY TO BE USED  
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BY FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL AT THE UNSC AS EVIDENCE OF GREEK INTERFERENCE, OF A TURKISH DESTROYER "SCREENING" THE SISMİK FROM A GREEK NAVY SHIP.

C. GUNAYDIN QUOTED A GREEK DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF AS SAYING THAT GOG WOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE SISMİK WITH RECONNAISSANCE PLANES AND SHIPS, BUT DENYING THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY INTERFERENCE WITH THE SISMİK'S ACTIVITIES.

D. AUGUST 12 TURKISH TELEVISION BROADCAST A FILM  
OF THE SISMİK SHOWING HER BEING "SHADOWED" BY A GREEK SHIP  
WITH GREEK AND TURKISH AIRCRAFT OVERFLYING THE AREA.  
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